## Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1.    (Currently Amended)  A method for registering biometric information for use in a smartcard system, said method comprising:

detecting a proffered biometric at a sensor to obtain a proffered biometric sample;

verifying said proffered biometric sample~~, wherein said proffered biometric sample is associated with at least two accounts, wherein each of said at least two accounts includes at least one of: a charge card account, a credit card account, a debit card account, a savings account, a private-label account and a loyalty point account~~;

storing said proffered biometric sample on a database; ~~and~~

<u>associating said proffered biometric with a preset transaction limitation; and</u>

associating said proffered biometric sample with a smartcard such that said smartcard system utilizes said proffered biometric sample to authorize a smartcard payment <u>in compliance with said preset transaction limitation</u> utilizing said smartcard.

2.    (Original)  The method of claim 1, wherein said step of detecting includes at least one of:  detecting, associating, and processing a proffered biometric sample.

3.    (Original)  The method of claim 1, wherein said step of detecting includes logging each proffered biometric sample.

4.    (Original)  The method of claim 1, wherein said step of detecting includes at least one of detecting, associating, and processing at least one additional proffered biometric sample.

5.    (Original)  The method of claim 1, wherein said step of verifying a biometric sample further includes at least one of:  processing, comparing, and verifying said biometric sample.

6.    (Original)  The method of claim 1, wherein said step of verifying includes comparing a proffered biometric sample with a stored biometric sample.

7.    (Original)  The method of claim 6, wherein comparing a proffered biometric sample with a stored biometric sample includes comparing a proffered biometric sample with a biometric sample of at least one of a criminal, a terrorist, and a cardmember.

8.    (Original)  The method of claim 1, wherein said step of verifying includes verifying a proffered biometric sample using contained on at least one of a local database, a remote database, and a third-party controlled database.

9.    (Original)  The method of claim1, wherein said step of verifying includes verifying a proffered biometric sample using at least one of a local CPU and a third-party security vendor.

10.    (Original)  The method of claim 1, wherein said step of verifying a biometric sample further includes facilitating the use of at least one secondary security procedure.

11.    (Original)  The method of claim 1, wherein said step of storing a biometric sample includes storing a proffered biometric sample on at least one of a local database, a remote database, and a third-party controlled database.

12.    (New)  The method of claim 1, wherein said preset transaction limitation comprises at least one of a maximum transaction amount, minimum transaction amount, maximum number of transactions within a time period, maximum number of transactions, use by certain merchants, temporal limitation, geographic limitation, and use of non-monetary funds.

13.    (New)  The method of claim 1, wherein said step of verifying includes comparing said proffered biometric sample using biometric information registered with at least one of a third-party biometric security vendor and a governmental agency.

14.    (New)  The method of claim 1, wherein said proffered biometric sample is associated with at least two accounts, wherein each of said at least two accounts includes at least one of: a charge card account, a credit card account, a debit card account, a savings account, a private label account and a loyalty point account.